

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-19 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for metering bulk material, comprising a drive unit (24) and a metering unit (1), ~~which substantially consists of,~~ having a metering module (2) and a container (3) for the bulk material, wherein a stirring apparatus (5) is disposed in the container (3), ~~characterised in that,~~ wherein the metering unit (1) forms an exchangeable unit.
2. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the metering module (2) contains at least one of a screw (4) as metering means ~~or~~ and a conveyor belt for transporting bulk materials from the container, wherein the metering means are driven via a drive axis (C).
3. (currently amended) The device ~~according to any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that one axis (B) of~~ of claim 1, wherein the stirring apparatus (5) has a first axis that is perpendicular to the drive axis (C) of the metering means.
4. (currently amended) The device ~~according to any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ of claim 3, wherein an axial quick coupling unit (10) is disposed on the first axis (B) of the stirring apparatus (5) and ~~that~~ means for transmission of force are provided on the drive axis (C) of the metering means.
5. (currently amended) The device ~~according to any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ of claim 4, wherein the axial quick coupling unit (10) is located underneath the container (3).

6. (currently amended) The device ~~according to any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that~~of claim 4, wherein the means for transmission of force to the drive
axis ~~(C)~~ of the metering means is a first drive wheel (6).

7. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 6, wherein when the quick coupling unit (10) is coupled in, the
device (1) ~~can pivot~~is pivotable about the first axis (B) of the stirring apparatus (5) into
an operating position and the means for force transmission, ~~especially the wheel (6), can~~
~~thereby be brought~~is moveable into non-positive contact with drive means ~~or released and~~
releasable therefrom.

8. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the device (1) comprises a gear (7) for the metering
means.

9. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the stirring apparatus (5) ~~is composed of~~comprises a
base rotor (11) ~~and can be expanded~~is expandable in any combination with one or more
lateral rotors (12) and bridge breakers (13).

10. (currently amended) The device according to claim 9, ~~characterised in~~
~~that~~wherein the base rotor (11) has a cap (16) in ~~the~~a central area of the stirring apparatus
(5), through which a hole (19) ~~expanded in the~~a lower portion runs along the first axis (B)
so that the base rotor (11) ~~can be disposed on a shaft (15) in the container (3) and can~~
rotate about the first axis (B), wherein an intermediate space is formed in the lower
portion of the cap (16) and the cap (16) has at least one groove (17) in this lower portion.

11. (currently amended) The device according to claim 9 ~~or 10, characterised in that~~
~~the~~10, wherein an inner end of the groove (17) runs before ~~the~~an outer end of the groove
(17) in ~~the~~a direction of rotation of the stirring apparatus (5) so that bulk material located

between the shaft (15) and the cap (16) flows back into the container (3) as a result of the rotary movement of the stirring apparatus (5).

12. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 9, wherein the stirring apparatus (5) has at least one blade (18)
which is matched to ~~the~~a contour of ~~the~~a base area of the container (3) and rotates about
the first axis (B) at a distance of less than 1 mm from ~~the~~a bottom area of the container
(3).

13. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 12,~~ characterised
~~in that~~claim 9, wherein a lateral rotor (12) has at least one blade which is matched to the
contour of a wall area of the container (3) or an additional funnel and moves at a distance
of less than 1 mm from the wall area, whereby bulk material is removed from the wall
area.

14. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 13,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 9, wherein the bridge breaker (13) ~~has~~breakers have at least
one bridge breaker rod (14), wherein the bridge breakers (13) are configured so that ~~the~~a
spacing between the bridge breaker rods of one or more bridge breakers (13) ~~can be~~
~~varied~~is variable.

15. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein a single motor (25) drives the stirring apparatus (5)
and the metering means of the device (1).

16. (currently amended) The device according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~
~~an~~wherein a second axis (A) of the motor (25) and ~~an~~the first axis (B) of the stirring
apparatus (5) are arranged substantially parallel and each substantially orthogonal to ~~a~~the
drive axis (C) of the metering device in the operating state.

17. (currently amended) The device according to claim 15 or 16, ~~characterised in that~~

by means of a first bevel gear (26) the axis (A)16, wherein the second axis of the motor (25) drives ~~ana~~ third axis-(D) substantially orthogonal thereto with a second bevel gear (26)through a first bevel gear.

18. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 17,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 17, wherein the third axis-(D) is substantially parallel to the
drive axis (C)-of the metering means in the operating state and drives ~~this~~the drive axis by
at least one of directly or~~and~~ indirectly.

19. (currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 18,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 15, wherein a second drive wheel (30)-on the third axis-(D)
drives the first drive wheel (6)-on the drive axis-(C).